

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims of the present application are set forth below, marked with changes proposed herein.

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, and 9 - 13 without prejudice.

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A The supply module as claimed in claim 2, for feeding electrical components to an automatic component-mounting machine having a component-mounting head, comprising:

a component displacement apparatus operable to displace the electrical components in an advancing direction along an advancing plane to a removal position, said removal position being configured to permit the components to be removed by the component-mounting head of the automatic component-mounting machine, said component displacement apparatus defining a removal opening at said removal position, the component-mounting head removing the electrical components through said removal opening;

an adjustable locking element that at least partially blocks the electrical component at the removal opening when said adjustable locking element is in a blocking position and that releases the electrical component at the removal opening when said adjustable locking element is in a removal position, said adjustable locking element including a strip extending in the advancing direction, said strip having a width of less than a lateral distance between the electrical component at the removal opening and an adjacent exterior side of the component displacement apparatus, said adjacent exterior side extending in the advancing direction and being perpendicular to the advancing plane, said adjustable locking element being electrically actuated to selectively move transversally with respect to the advancing direction into an edge region between the electrical component at the removal position and the exterior side, wherein said

adjustable locking element is a narrow finger projecting in the advancing direction, said narrow finger having a free end forming the strip and projecting into the removal position over the electrical component in the blocking position, and said free end being movable into the edge region by lateral deflection, and wherein said narrow finger is a single freely projecting bending spring, said freely projecting spring having a non-free end and being anchored by said non-free end on a fixed bearing of the component displacement apparatus.

4. (Previously Presented) The supply module as claimed in claim 3, wherein said freely projecting bending spring is an electrically actuatable bending transducer.

5. (Previously Presented) The supply module as claimed in claim 4, wherein said electrically actuatable bending transducer is of piezoceramic material.

Claims 6 – 8 (Cancelled)

Claims 9 - 13.(Cancelled)